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Piezoelectric Structural Microensor Technology for Extreme Environments (> 1800 F), Phase II



Completed Technology Project (2010 - 2013)

Project Introduction

High temperature piezoelectric crystal (HTPC) sensors are desired for future propulsion component structure health monitoring, operating parameters optimization, turbine engine control and health monitoring, as well as improving performance and maintainability of power production facilities and other rotary combustion engines. Recently discovered high temperature piezoelectrics showed stable piezoelectric properties and high resistivity at temperatures close to its melting point ($\sim 1500 \, \text{C}$), which is very promising for high temperature sensor applications. The Phase I results demonstrated excellent temperature sensing and vibration sensing performance at temperature up to 1000 C (> 1800 F). In Phase II, low profile HTPC microsensors design, fabrication and attachment will be further investigated and optimized. Highly sensitive HTPC piezoelectric structural microsensors will be prototyped and characterized for temperature, stress and acceleration measurements at temperatures up to 2000 oF. HTPC microsensor reliability will also be studied in Phase II. HTPC microsensors will significantly advance NASA, DOD and industrial high temperature measurements because of their low profile, simple structure, high sensitivity, quick response, and high reliability.

Primary U.S. Work Locations and Key Partners





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| Organizations Performing Work | Role | Туре | Location |
|--|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| TRS Ceramics, Inc. | Lead Organization | Industry | State College, Pennsylvania |
| Armstrong Flight Research Center(AFRC) | Supporting Organization | NASA Center | Edwards, California |

| Primary U.S. Work Locations | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| California | Pennsylvania |

Project Transitions

March 2010: Project Start

March 2013: Closed out

Closeout Documentation:

• Final Summary Chart(https://techport.nasa.gov/file/139335)

Organizational Responsibility

Responsible Mission Directorate:

Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD)

Lead Organization:

TRS Ceramics, Inc.

Responsible Program:

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Project Management

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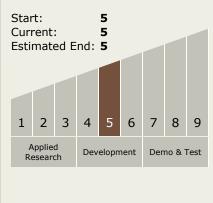
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Technology Maturity (TRL)





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Technology Areas

Primary:

TX08 Sensors and
 Instruments

 □ TX08.3 In-Situ
 Instruments and Sensors
 □ TX08.3.6 Extreme
 Environments Related
 to Critical System

Health Management

Target Destinations

The Sun, Earth, The Moon, Mars, Others Inside the Solar System, Outside the Solar System

